

SUMMER IN THE PSALMS—THE WITNESS, THE WORD, & THE WORSHIP

Psalm 19

Introduction

Psalm 19 has been cherished by believers throughout the ages. C. S. Lewis wrote of Psalm 19 stating, "I take this to be the greatest poem in the Psalter and one of the greatest lyrics in the world." This powerful Psalm presents us with three key themes that are not only essential for our spiritual growth but also integral in deepening our relationship with God: The Witness of the Heavens, The Word and Its Work, and The Heart of Worship.

The Witness of the Heavens shows us that God's glory is continuously proclaimed through His magnificent creation. Even though the heavens shout His majesty, our sinful nature suppresses the truth. May we open our hearts to hear and recognize His presence in the world around us.

Diving into **The Word and Its Work**, we learn that God's Word is necessary for knowing Him personally and walking the path of righteousness. It is through Scripture that our souls are revived, wisdom is given, and our hunger for holiness grows. May we treasure God's Word and allow it to shape our lives and guide our actions.

Finally, we will examine **The Heart of Worship**, may we offer ourselves as living sacrifices in response to the redemption and salvation granted by Jesus Christ. Our spiritual worship is made acceptable to God when we present our lives in surrender and service to Him.

Outline

THE WITNESS OF THE HEAVENS.

- **The problem is not silence—the skies are shouting.**

"For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse." (Romans 1:19–20)

- **The problem is not hearing—sinners suppress the speech that has surrounded them since the day they were born.**

"For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things." (Romans 1:21–23)

THE WORD AND ITS WORK.

- **God's word is necessary to know him personally.**

"But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work." (2 Timothy 3:14–17)

- **God's word gives us the light we need to walk the righteous path.**

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." (Psalm 119:105)

- **Tastes change when you treasure God's word—you will find yourself hungry for honey and holiness.**

"How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!" (Psalm 119:103)

- **God's Word rewards you by reviving your soul, providing wisdom, giving joy for your heart, enlightenment for your eyes, truth you can count on, and provision for righteous living.**

"Whoever despises the word brings destruction on himself, but he who reveres the commandment will be rewarded." (Proverbs 13:13)

THE HEART OF WORSHIP.

- **In light of redemption and salvation, we offer ourselves to Jesus Christ, who makes us acceptable in God's sight.**

"I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship." (Romans 12:1)

Application

Can you hear the speech of the heavens?

Where does the word need to do its work in your life?

Are you acceptable in God's sight?

Questions

1. Share a time when you were overwhelmed by God's revelation through creation. Why do you think it had that kind of effect on you?
2. With so much evidence for God in the cosmos, why don't people believe? How can you best share with someone who does not want to listen to the speech of the heavens? Who do you need to pray for?
3. How does the word revive your soul, make you wise, give you joy, enlighten your eyes, offer truth, and show the way of righteousness?
4. What are some ways we can value God's word more in our lives?
5. Are your words and thoughts acceptable to God? Why or why not?